

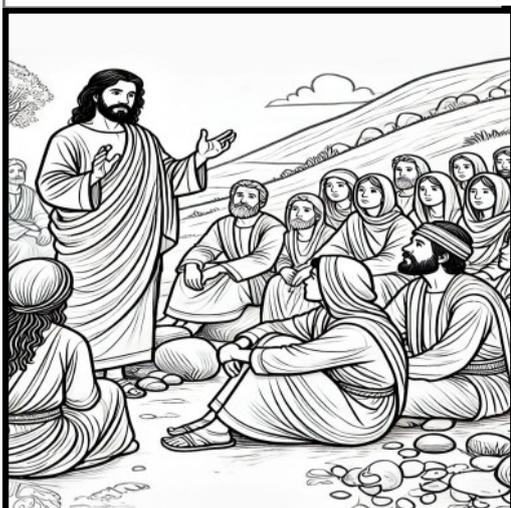


CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY V in ordinary time (C)

1st Feb 2026



*Blessed
are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called
children of God.*

Save us, O Lord our God!

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 1st Feb	FOURTH SUNDAY 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) Larry Farrell RIP (fam)	
Mon 2nd	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (Candlemas) 9.30 (HAD) Joan Killeen RIP (MR)	
Tues 3rd	feria / St Blaise 9.30 (HAD) Diane Wilson welfare (<i>Gleam Team</i>)	
Wed 4th	St Gilbert of Sempringham 9.30 (HAD) Ann Kirkham RIP (MR) (<i>Weds Group meets today</i>)	
Thurs 5th	St Agatha 9.30 (HAD) dec'd of Canniffe fam RIP (fam)	
Fri 6th	St Paul Miki & comps (<i>First Friday visits today DV</i>) 9.30 (BB) Dead list	
Sat 7th	feria 9.30 (HAD) Holy Souls	
Sun 8th	FIFTH SUNDAY 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) M&J Cannon RIP (fam)	

<p>FOURTH SUNDAY (A) Psalter Week 4</p> <p>Introduction: The Lord, our Teacher.</p> <p>First Reading: Zeph 2 & 3 : 'I will leave in your midst a people humble and lowly.'</p> <p>Resp Ps: <i>BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT; FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN</i></p> <p>Second Reading : 1 Cor 1 : God chooses the weak of the world</p> <p>Gospel : Mt 5 : The Beatitudes.</p> <p>Comm. Ant. BLESSED ARE THE MEEK, FOR THEY SHALL POSSESS THE LAND.</p>
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SICK AND HOUSEBOUND and ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Please remember to support and pray for those listed as sick and housebound in our parish: Peter James, Pauline Anderson, Isabella Phillips, Joe Singleton, Arthur King, Maura Farrell, Joan Burkinshaw, Rita Dwyer, Mike Lally, Jacob Ibbotson, Diane Wilson, Gordon Handley, Jean Ashton, Keith Winston.

And our deceased clergy & parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time; Stephen Hodkinson, Jim Hannigan; *Patricia Walsh, Stephen Hirst, Frank Gerrard, Vera Derbyshire, Gertrude Ashton, Linda Griffin, Jan Slugocki:*

May they rest in peace, and let perpetual light shine on them : Amen

PARISH NOTES

THIS SUNDAY is dedicated as **Racial Justice Day**. "Whoever loves God must also love his brother" (1 Jn 4:21) is the theme this year. The Racial Justice Commission is devoted to the promotion of racial justice in our Catholic parishes across England and Wales and society. It seeks to foster an awareness of the need for justice in all its forms. In an increasingly tense climate. Our parishes should be places where we can all truly grow in ever-deeper knowledge and love of each other, ourselves and God. There is excellent resource material found on the CTBI website that gives much information about this day's theme. A collection basket is found at the back of the church for those who wish to support our church's fight against racialism.

THIS WEEK

- **Sunday 1st** after Mass, St Charles parish council meets in the rectory.
- **Monday** is the 2nd of Feb : "Candlemas", so called because we celebrate the infant Jesus being presented to Simeon & Anna in the Temple. He is declared 'a light to enlighten the nations'. Our blessed and lit candles at Mass honour that moment, and celebrate such enlightenment. Bach wrote a cantata *Ich habe genug* BWV 82 in which the aged Simeon sings that he "has had enough" now that he has seen & and held the messiah, and he is ready for death. Treat yourself to a listen!
This day is also proclaimed a day of prayer for those in religious life.
- **Tuesday 3rd** is St Blaise' feastday. Those who wish to have throats blessed should come to or after 9.30 Mass.
- **Wednesday 4th** finds the Wednesday Group meeting after Mass.
- **Sunday 8th** is declared the day of prayer for the victims of trafficking.

THE GOSPEL THIS SUNDAY The eight blessings itemised in today's reading of the Beatitudes stand at the head of the Sermon on the Mount, pointing out the ways in which we can welcome God into our lives. They are ways of living out God's blessing. The first and the last knit them all together with 'theirs is the kingdom of heaven'. Luke also begins his Sermon on the Plain with four such blessings – only his blessings are more on those who are materially poor and in need, whereas Matthew's concentrate on the spiritual attitudes required of the Christian, 'poor in spirit, hunger and thirst for justice'. Jesus came to proclaim the kingship of his Father, and these are ways of living it. For each of them, do you know someone who exemplifies the attitude? Which is your own favourite? For most of them

there are gospel incidents in which Jesus sums them up, like the entry into Jerusalem on a donkey as the gentle king, or the love he shows in his welcome to sinners, or his bringing peace to those tortured by disease or contempt, or his purity of heart in his single-minded pre-occupation with his Father's will, and finally his acceptance of persecution for what he knew to be right.

THE LATE MARGARET BLACKBURN'S funeral Requiem Mass is tentatively arranged for Weds 11th Jan (the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes) at 12.45pm at Immaculate Conception church. May she rest in peace.

DERBYSHIRE DIOCESAN PARISHES ROADSHOW It was good to keep company with many parishioners and clergy from other Derbyshire parishes on Thursday evening. Many travelled to Matlock to St Joseph's parish hall for a 90-minute meeting hosted by Bishop Patrick. He chose to speak about his Five-year Mission Plan for the Diocese of Nottingham 2026 – 2030, headlined: "Go make disciples". Details of this forward-thinking plan are found on the diocesan website in great detail. An abbreviated version was handed out to those attending as they left. This printed version is available from the back of church as you leave today. Please feel free to take a copy home and study at your leisure.

THE GLOSSOP PARISHES are hosting a presentation by Light of Faith (a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph), with the topic **New Directions in Catechesis: a new approach to sacramental preparation and catechesis is transforming families and parishes - could it work for yours?** The presentation is designed for parish clergy, parish lay leadership, parish catechists, head teachers, school chaplains, and anyone who helps in sacramental preparation. They would also love to welcome people who feel they could help parents in their task of passing on the faith to their children. This event is free (although donations are welcome to help the parishes pay the sisters' travel and accommodation costs and other expenses) and is on **Friday next 6th February**, at 7.00pm, in St Mary's Parish Hall, Glossop. For details please see the poster or visit www.glossop Catholics.org.uk/newdirections.

WARMER WELCOME WORKSHOP, Monday 9th February at 7.00pm. The next online gathering for volunteers with parish-based drop-ins, lunch clubs or cafés features guest speaker Jo Holland from the UK-wide network 'Places of Welcome'. If you're thinking of starting one, come and find out how others do it! Visit bit.ly/warmerwelcome to book your place.

THE DIOCESAN YOUTH SERVICE NDCYS is taking a group of young people and young adults to Lourdes, France as part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage in July 2026. If you are aged 16+ and unable to go with your school, or a young adult who would like to be a small group leader, we encourage you to download the information pack and apply at ndcys.com/Lourdes.

THE DIOCESAN YEARBOOKS have arrived, and are available from the back of church, price £6.

RECENT TOTE WINNERS St Charles: 1st (£40) J Greenall; 2nd (£20) Catherine Pease.

Immaculate Conception: 1st (£40) B Hodson; 2nd (£20) Kean McDonald.

SPRINGTIME CONCERT At St Andrew's church Hadfield, Sunday 26th April, 7pm. "An Evening with Philippa Hanna". Ticket available from Rob Cranston : £7.50.

STANDING ORDERS: Immaculate Conception : Sort Code 30-13-32 A/c "St Margaret's church/collection (or tote)" 00510567. St Charles : Sort Code 30-13-32 A/c "St Charles church/collection (or tote)" 00269177.

SAFEGUARDING If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact Karen our joint-parishes PSR. Email: Karen.ProctorPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk; / phone 07513 725411.

A Prayer for Racial Justice God of justice, in your wisdom you create all people in your image, without exception. Through your goodness, open our eyes to see the dignity, beauty and worth of every human being. Open our minds to understand that all your children are brothers and sisters in the same human family.

Open our eyes to repent of racist attitudes, behaviours and speech which demean others. Open our ears to hear the cries of those wounded by racial discrimination, and their passionate appeals for change. Strengthen our resolve to make amends for past injustices and to right the wrongs of history. And fill us with courage that we might seek to heal wounds, build bridges, forgive and be forgiven, and establish peace and equality for all in our communities.

Through Christ Our Lord; Amen